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25/6
Water Supplies.

No.1838/250/E.4.

Headquarters, Madras Dist.

Bangalore, 27th June 1933.

TO

THE SECRETARY,

TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE,

BANGALORE.

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.
BANGALORE.
28 JUNE 1933
Regd. No. 5591
File. No. 690/31

Water Supply - Bangalore.

Sir,

2.N.103.

In continuation of my No.1838/125/E.4, dated 3-12-1932, I have the honour to state that the following communication has been received from Army Headquarters:-

"There is no Military objection to the proposal of the Mysore Government to abandon 'Y' system from after the 30th June 1933 as 'H' system is, as stated by you, considered a sufficient safeguard."

If you agree therefore, the Mysore Government may be informed that 'Y' system may be abandoned after June 30th 1933.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H.T.L.Grant

Colonel,

Offg. Commander, Madras Dist.

Copy to:-
G.E.Bangalore.

C.N.K.24.

DEPARTMENT.

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3rd Reminder

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Date of despatch of above

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(Code word for telegrams.)

To

A copy of the undermentioned --- papers is forwarded to the President, Municipal Commission, Civil and ------ Military Station, Bangalore, for ----- information.

Secretary to the Resident.

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S.N. 156.
P.U.C. II.

Letter No. 1838/227/E.4., dated the 27th May, 1933, from Headquarters, Madras District, with enclosure.

S.N. 174.
P.U.C. III.

Letter No. Pol. 1155/C.B., dated the 6th June, 1933, from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore.

S.N. 175.
P.U.C. IV.

Letter No. 1838/250/E.4., dated the 27th June, 1933, from Headquarters, Madras District.

T. N. Thangavelu
Muddaliar.
29-6-1933.

S. S.
MGIPS—81—207 (CFS) DSP.—(M-280)—27-4-32 —50,000.

S.N. 62.

Letter No. Pol. 244/Ml. 139-32-2, dated the 1st September, 1932, from the Secretary to the Government of Mysore, General Department.

Please see S.N. 40 in which the President, Municipal Council, Bangalore City has been asked to state the rate at which water tax is now levied in Bangalore City and the ---- charges for excess consumption of water . He has also been asked to state how the Municipal Council propose to meet the extra cost involved by the supply of water from "T" scheme.

In the P.U.C. the General Secretary to the Government of Mysore has furnished the information asked for. From the Mysore Government Order No. L. 2033-5-Ml. 81-29-8, dated the 5th September, 1930, it will be seen that the Government of Mysore have accepted the claim of the Municipal Council to levy water charges on the public buildings from which source a sum of about Rs. 40,000/- is expected to be realised. They also propose to pay a grant of Rs. 30,000/- per annum. In other words the total amount payable by Mysore Government to Municipal Council, Bangalore City is Rs. 70,000/- per ------ annum.

If approved a copy of P.U.C., with enclosures, may in the first instance be sent to the President, Municipal ----- Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, for information.

Draft submitted for approval.

T. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar
7-9-1932.

Resident.

7.9

S.N.63

Issued No, 6217 dated the 16th September, 1932.

S.N. 79. Letter No. 31191 L.S.G./Comts., dated the 28th ------- September, 1932, from the Secretary to Government, Punjab, Transferred Departments.

Please see S.N. 41 and 52.

Draft endorsement is submitted for approval.

T. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar
15-10-1932
Secretary.

Why forward this reply? Merely file that from Hyderabad. 16/10.

It is proposed to send a copy of the P.U.C. to the President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, for information, so that he may adopt the rates prevailing elsewhere. The letter from Hyderabad states how the Resident at Hyderabad is meeting the deficit under ---- water tax. This information was required by the Hon'ble the Resident. It was not therefore communicated to the President Municipal Commission.

The draft already submitted may now issue?

T. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar
18-10-1932
Secretary.

Yes Gm 20

S.N. Issued No. 7314 dated the 20th October, 1932.

S.N. 81. Letter No. 3313-J, dated the 3rd October, 1932, from the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident at Hyderabad.

Please see S.N. 55 and 57 and the office notes in para 24.

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident at Hyderabad states that the deficit of H.S. Rs. 70,000/- under water supply in the Secunderabad Cantonment is met from the ------ Secunderabad Local (Abkari etc.) Fund which corresponds to Provincial Revenues.

Submitted for information. May be filed.

T.N. Thangavelu Mudaliar. 15-10-1932

Secretary.

That will interest a great [illegible] A.T.

Resident.

18.10

S.N. 82.

Letter No. 3049/XI-30, dated the 8th October, 193[illegible], from the Under Secretary to Government, United Provinces.

S.N. 83.

Letter No. 0/13021-D., dated the 8th October, 1932, from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, ----- Political Department.

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Please see S.N. 41 and 52.

Draft endorsement is submitted for approval.

T. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar
20-10-1932.

Secretary.

S.N.84 Issued No, 7357 dated the 31st October, 1932.

S.N. ~~93~~ ~~92~~-. Letter No. 2039/228-CC/32, dated the 4th November, P.W.C. 1932, from the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor-General in Rajputana, and Chief Commissioner, Ajmer-Merwara.

Please see S.N. 59 and 60.

Draft endorsement is submitted for approval.

Tr. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar.

Secretary. 12-11-1932.

12/11

S.N. ~~94~~ 95 Issued No. 7808, dated the 18th November, 1932.

P.U.C.

Letter No..Gt. 8/32, dated the 2nd December, 1932, from the President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

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The main file was submitted to the Secretary in another connection. No action is necessary on P.U.C.

May be filed.

T. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar.
7-12-1932.

2

Superintendent.

I cannot understand the case without the previous papers

9/12/32

x C.C.M. C D

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Please see S.N. 94 and 95.

The President, Municipal Commission, has returned the ----- enclosures forwarded with S.N. 95.

The P.U.C. may be filed.

T. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar
14-12-1932.

Superintendent.

15/XII

Letter No.Gt.8/32, dated the 7th November, 1932, from the President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

S.N.95A, P.W.6

21

× Flags (A) (I)

Please see S.N. 37 and 39 and the notes in para 15.

The Municipal Commission, C.& M.Station, Bangalore, was asked to consider the question of raising the water tax in the Station. In reply they have forwarded a copy of the Resolution No.13 dated the 27th October 1932, passed by them in which they state that they are very loathe to increase taxation to a level still higher than that existing in Bangalore City and that a real appreciation of the financial situation will only be possible after the new scheme has come into force.

× S.N.95/A Encl. to P.W.6.

22

The statement at Flag "B" shows the water tax prevailing in C.& M.Station Bangalore, Bangalore City, Central India, Secunderabad Cantonment, Ajmer-Merwara, Punjab, United Provinces and Bombay Presidency, extracts from which are given below for facility of reference :-

	Water-tax Rs.
C.& M.Station, Bangalore. ..	6% on annual value of the bungalow.
Bangalore City ..	3 to 4½% on the rental value of the bungalow.
Nasirabad Cantonment ..	4 to 5% on the annual rental of Rs.10/- and over p.m.
Multan Municipality ..	4% per annum on the annual value of all buildings and lands.
A g r a. ..	7½% on the annual valuation of properties.
Ahmadabad Cantonment ..	6% on the rentals of all other buildings.
Mhow Cantonment ..	7% on annual value of the bungalow.

From the above table it will be seen that only in

Mhow

Mhow Cantonment and Agra the water tax is more than C.& M. Station, Bangalore. In Ahmedabad Cantonment it is equal to C.& M.Station, Bangalore. In other places, the tax is less than C.& M.Station, Bangalore.

23 The President, Municipal Commission, C.& M.Station, Bangalore, considers that the present rate of water tax in the Station cannot be raised further and if it is done it would cause great discontent among the rate-payers. In the circumstances he requests that the question of sanctioning a grant of rupees one lakh per annum from the Assigned Tract Revenues may be reconsidered.

24 S.N.62 Please see letter No.Pol.244/Ml.139-32-2, dated the 1st September, 1932, in which the Government of Mysore state that they will pay an annual grant of Rs.30,000/- in addition to water tax of Rs.40,000/- on all public buildings. In letter No.3313-J., dated the 3rd October, 1932, the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident at Hyderabad states that the deficit of H.S.Rs.70,000/- under water supply in the Secunderabad Cantonment is met from the Secunderabad Local (Abkari etc.) Fund which corresponds to Provincial Revenues. On this letter, the Hon'ble the Resident has noted as follows :-

"That would justify a grant from Assigned Tract".

25 The following table shows the estimated receipts and expenditure under "Water Supply" in the Station under "T" Scheme :-

	Rs.
Receipts under water supply for 1932-33.	1,62,500
Approximate income anticipated under certain heads referred to in S.N.50 excluding Rs 6,500/- being the cost of water supplied to Military	56,000
	2,18,500
Estimated expenditure under "T" Scheme - Vide letter No.1838/X/E.4, dated the 5th September, 1932, at Rs.30,729 per mensem. (excludes the cost of water required by Military)	3,68,748
Deficit to be met by Govt. grant and Municipal Funds.	1,50,248

or

or Rs.1,50,000/- in round figures.

26. If approved, the Government of India may be asked to sanction a grant-in-aid of Rs.1,00,000/- per annum to the Municipal Commission, C.& M.Station, Bangalore, for a period of 3 years in the first instance from the accumulated surplus revenue of the Mysore Assigned Tract. The balance Rs. 50,000/- should be met from Municipal Revenues.

Submitted for orders.

(From para 21)

T. N. Thangavelu
Mudaliar
16-11-1932.

Secretary.

27 There is no question of asking for a grant in aid at present.

A much more important thing is to ask sanction of G. of I. (a) to levy of an entertainment tax. I have reason to believe PMC has already asked us to move in this matter. A careful search should be made for his letter. In addressing G. of I. we should make it clear that the tax must be leviable on military lands in the station otherwise when as for example the Bombay Shows encamp on the maidan the tax will be avoided.

28. (b) to remove exemption from water tax on houses now occupied by the military. At present the owner of such a house pays no house tax so when the exemption is removed the military will not be affected unless the owner puts up his rent which Collector thinks unlikely.

From now onwards the files concerned with the T scheme will be treated as immediate. This does not mean they must be hurried but that must not be delayed.

Where for example is the Durbar's recent letter about the Agreement?

18/11/32

Submitted to Resident

Paras 27 and 28 ante.

Para 27 (a)

It has been ascertained from the Municipal office over the phone that proposal for levy of Entertainment Tax has this day been passed by the Municipal Commission finally. The ---- Secretary to the Resident will be addressed shortly in the matter. We may await the receipt of the above letter.

Para 28(b).

Please see S.N: 85 and 86 in which the President, -------- Municipal Commission, has been asked to submit a draft of the agreement to be entered into between the Municipal Commission and the Secretary of State. In the new agreement provision will be made for removing exemption from water tax on houses now occupied by the Military. As soon as the draft of the agreement is received it will be submitted to the Government of India for approval.

Submitted.

T. N. Thangavelu
Municipal

Secretary.

24—11—1932.

S1

Please see from paragraph 21 of notes and p.u.c.. I discussed the question with Cooke. Office have mistaken the request in paragraph 6 of p.u.c for a grant. Cooke merely wishes to put it on record that they may have to come to us for a grant eventually but they cannot possibly say when or for how much until the scheme has been working for some time. No action, therefore, is necessary on this point at present.

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The possibility envisaged in paragraph 4 of p.u.c. about property holders moving into the City savours rather of Napolean's remark as to Antwerp being a pistol held at the heart of England. Cooke admitted that in this case the pistol, if any, was loaded with blank cartridge .

No action is called for on the p.u.c. at the moment but reminders will issue calling for the Municipal Commission's resolution in regard to the entertainment tax and also asking when the draft agreement between the Secretary of State and the Municipal Commission may be expected.

25/11

Rendel

26.11.

Two draft reminders are submitted for approval.

T. N. Thangavelu
Mudaliar.
2-12-1932

Superintendent.

Before issue, please make sure that the replies have not come.

2/12

Issued No. 8239-8240, dated the 7th December, 1932.

S.N. 104. 106

P.U.C.

Letter No. G.T. 8/32, dated the 6th December, 1932, from the President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

Please see S.N. 57 in which the Commission proposed to levy a tax on vacant building sites in the Station. They ---- expected to realise a sum of Rs. 2,000/- per annum under this head.-Vide S.N. 50.

The Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, now propose to drop the question in view of (1) the objection received against it levy (2) the difficulty and ----- expense of collecting the tax and (3) the small income that may be expected from the source. In the circumstances ------- explained by the President, Municipal Commission, no action ---- appears to be necessary. The P.U.C. may be filed.

T. N. Thangavelu
Secretary.

17-12-1932

20.12

President

T.N.T. to T (Principles kept below)

Letter No. G.T. 8/32, dated the 10th December, 1932, from the President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

Please see the office notes in para 33.

Further communication from the President, Municiapl Commission may be awaited.

T. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar
14-12-1932

Supdt.

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S.N. ~~105~~.

P. to S.

Letter No. G.T. 8/32, dated the 14th December, 1932, from the President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

Further communication from the President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, may be awaited.

The President has not sent a copy of the draft agreement referred to in the enclosure to P.U.C.

T. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar
17-12-1932

Secretary.

21.12

Recital

CONFIDENTIAL

1

Yesterday Murphy remarked apropos the "T" Scheme that the Durbar proposed to put it into force as soon as one pure water tank (there are two altogether) was completed. He said that it would be very dangerous to start until both were completed as the coolies working on No.2 would be sure to foul the supply of No.1. I said "Then why don't you bring this to the notice of the Resident". He replied "it is not my duty to start hares". I pointed out that, apart from the question of whether it was starting hares or not, it was very much his duty to bring such a point to the Resident's notice. I said that from now onwards the Military practically dropped out of the picture and that the Resident's advisers in the matter of the water supply were the Collector, the Health Officer and the Municipal Engineer in whose hands would be the entire responsibility for the administration of the supply in the Station. Apparently this point was brought up by Murphy when the Commission was taken out to Thippagondanhalli for a tea party by Cooke. I impressed upon Murphy the importance of drawing official attention to this and he has promised to do so. We may then, if necessary, raise the question with the Durbar. It might make a great difference in the date of commencement of supply and might give us legitimate reason for postponing the date to a time more convenient to ourselves; in other words, until the meters are installed, an event which is not likely to take place, I understand, much before April.

~~If Resident agrees with the above note, perhaps, Cooke may see it confidentially and will~~ I have already spoken to Cooke who has promised to write officially.

Resident

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6/12

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S.N.107.

Letter No. G.T. No. 8/32, dated the 8th December, 1932, from the President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore. .

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2 This letter arises out of my confidential note below.

Id. G.K.
10-12

3 The main file relating to the Bangalore Water Supply has been submitted to the Secretary in connection with the new ---- Water Supply Agreement.

A copy of P.U.C. may, if approved, be sent to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore for favour of such action as may be considered necessary.

Draft submitted for approval.

T.N. Thangavelu
Munsalias
15-12-1932.

16.12

Resident.

17/12

S.N 108.

Issued No: 8656, dated 21st Dec. 1932

Cuttings from Newspapers.

1. Name of Paper The Hindu

2. Published at Madras.

3. Dated Friday the 30th December, 1932.

Marked by the Hon'ble the Resident.

SECUNDERABAD WATER-TAX

There is much agitation among the public of Secunderabad over the decision of the Secunderabad Cantonment Board to levy an additional tax on water consumed for domestic purposes from merered connections. Under the existing arrangements the town of Secunderabad receives water-supply from the Gandipet tank by arrangements made with H. E. H. the Nizam's Government, and the Cantonment authorities used to levy 2½ per cent tax on the annual letting value of the houses. Some days back the Water-Supply Committee decided to impose an additional tax of 8 annas per 1,000 gallons, and its decision was confirmed last week by the Cantonment Board. Mr. K. Tatachar, B.A., B.L., an elected member, in a note of dissent, protested against the new by-law pointing out that even in the Residency Bazaars, which are also under British Administration the water supplied works to 10 gallons per head per day whereas the consumption represented by the 2½ per cent tax is only 1.89, and that as landlords will raise rents, the poorer classes will be forced to reduce their consumption of water, thus leading to danger to their health. He therefore suggested that the matter should be referred to the expert opinion of the Statutory Health Officer but his proposal has been negatived, and the new by-law sanctioned by the Board.

DCFP—1403&P—(G-205)—14.6.29—75,000.

(Original given to C.O.)

1

Please see page 16 of "Hindoo" of 30th re Water taxes in Secunderabad. How will this affect rate paid there ? Place on appropriate file.

2

Please send me file dealing with existing franchise in Coorg. I wish to see principles on which it was fixed.

Action being taken in C.O.

What about those Coorg census figures? I should have received them long ago.

Id/- R. C. B.
1. 1. 33.

Secy.

2/1/33

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S. N. 55/B

Encls & slip (T)

Under the orders contained in the Hyderabad Residency Notification No. 19-J, dated the 18th February, 1931, water tax is levied at Secunderabad at 2½% on the gross annual letting value of buildings and lands (other than those ------- occupied by military persons) not having private water ------ connections and at 4½% in respect of houses having private water connections only.

S. N. 55/A

Encls & slip (T)

3 slip T

Under bye-law No. 17 the charges for water supplied through meter connection , in excess of free allowance, for other than industrial purposes, shall be levied at the rate of H.S. Rs.C-8-C per 1000 gallons.

In S.N. 55 the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident at Hyderabad stated that a revision of the tax was under further contemplation so as to make the Secunderabad water supply self supporting.

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& slip (A)

It will be seen from the extract from Hindu dated the 30th December, 1932, placed below that the Water-Supply Committee decided to impose an additional tax of 8 annas per 1000 gallons and that its decision was confirmed last week

week by the Cantonment Board. From the above we cannot ------ definitely say that the charges for water supplied through meter connection are Re. 1-0-0 per 1000 gallons. A copy of the revised orders issued by the Hyderabad Residency may, if approved, be obtained for reference.

Draft submitted for approval.

T. N. Thangavelu
Secretary.

4 — 1 — 1933.

S.N. 116. Issued No. 119, dated the 6th January, 1933.

Letter No. 148-J., dated the 21st January, 1933, from the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident at Hyderabad.

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Please see S.N. 116.

Further communication from the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident at Hyderabad may be awaited.

T. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar.
1-2-1933.

Superintendent.

S.N. 157.

Letter No. 476. M.J., dated the 4th April, 1933, from the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident at Hyderabad.

Please see S.N. 116 and 156.

Water Tax is now levied in the Cantonment of Secunderabad at (1) 5½% on the gross annual letting value of all building and lands supplied with water from the Military Water Supply system

(2) at 2½% on the gross annual letting value of all other buildings and lands, except those situated at a ---- distance of 600 feet from the nearest public water stand post.

The charges for water supplied through meter ------ connection in excess of free allowance, for other than industrial purposes, shall be levied at the rate of H.S. Annas 8 per 1000 gallons.

In the Civil and Military Station water tax is now levied at 6% on the gross annual letting value of all ---- buildings in the Station. It is proposed to levy excess water charges at tne rate of 12 annas per 1000 gallons.

Draft submitted for approval.

T.N. Thangavelu Mudaliar
17-4-1933.

Secretary.

Plese also see the free allowance on page 3 ? enclosed to Secunderabad will be for better ? Chairman the Civil Station.

Resident

20.4

+ Our free allowance will be a maximum of 5000 gallons.

S.N. 158.

Issued No. 3163, dated the 25th April, 1933.

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

No. Pol. 244/Confdl. Misc. Dated, Bangalore, 1st September 1932.

Pol. 139-32-2

From

R.Ranga Rao, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General xx~~Law~~ *Department.*

To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.
BANGALORE.
3 SEP. 1932
Regd. No. 7958
File. No. 690/1931

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.5222/690-691 dated 5th August 1932, addressed to the President of the Bangalore City Municipal Council, asking for information regarding the existing rates of water-tax and charges for excess consumption of water in the Bangalore City and the measures proposed to meet the extra cost involved by the supply of water from the Thippagondanahalli Scheme, I am directed to forward herewith a statement showing the rates at which water-tax and charges for excess consumption of water are at present levied in the City.

2. In regard to the ways and means for meeting the extra cost of water to be supplied from the new water works, I am to state that the question has been dealt with in Government Order No. L.2033-5/Ml.81-29-8 dated 5th September 1930, a copy of which is enclosed for your information. The amount of Government grant referred to in that order has, as a result of further correspondence, been increased to Rs. 30,000.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R.Ranga Rao

Secretary to Government
General Department.

c.n.

Statement showing the present rates of water-tax and charges for excess consumption of water in the Bangalore City.

Nature of tax.	Item.	Rate.
1. Water Tax.	(a) On buildings used as shops and mandies.	3% on the rental value.
	(b) On other buildings.	4½% on the rental value.
	(c) On vacant sites.	Equal to the vacant site tax itself, which amounts to eight annas per 100 Sq.yards.
2. Excess water charges.		One rupee per 1000 gallons on the quantity of water consumed in any quarter in excess of the free allowance, provided that the portion of the excess over multiples of 1000 gallons shall not be charged for, if it does not exceed 500 gallons, and that it shall be charged for as if it were 1000 gallons, if it exceeds 500 gallons.

Ajeeva Reg
For General Secretary to Govt

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Government of his Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G. O. No. L. 2033-5—Ml. 81-29-8, dated 5th September 1930.

New Scheme of Water Supply.

Passes orders on the Ways and Means for meeting the cost of water to be supplied to the Bangalore City from the — — .

READ—

Government Order No. P. W. 2955-66—11256-67, dated 15th March 1930, sanctioning a scheme for the supply of water to the City and the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. G. T. 174—29-30, dated 17—18th February 1930, from the Municipal Commissioner, Bangalore City Municipality, submitting the resolution of the Municipal Council, dated the 13th February 1930, regarding the measures to be adopted for meeting the maintenance charges of the New Water Supply Scheme referred to in the Government Order read above.

ORDER NO. L. 2033-5—ML. 81-29-8, DATED 5TH SEPTEMBER 1930.

The scheme sanctioned in the order read above provides for an adequate supply of water to the City and the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore. The maximum consumption of water during the next five years is estimated to be about 4 million gallons per day and the scheme provides for the supply of this quantity of water at an initial cost of Rs. 50·33 lakhs and a recurring cost of Rs. 7 lakhs. The initial cost will be met by Government and it is proposed to meet the recurring cost by the levy of a charge of 7·65 annas for every 1,000 gallons of water supplied. As the quantity of water required for the Bangalore City Municipality is about 2 million gallons per day, the proportion of the cost of maintenance which will have to be borne by the City Municipality is about 3½ lakhs. To this has to be added a sum of about Rs. ½ lakh being the charges of distribution. The total contribution therefore from the City Municipal Council is about Rs. 4 lakhs.

2. The Municipal Council who were addressed in the matter of meeting their portion of the cost propose that Government should fix the liability of the Municipal Council at Rs. 2 lakhs per year which they propose to meet out of the following items, *viz.*, Rs. 1,10,000 from the general water rate, Rs. 40,000 from excess water charges and Rs. 50,000 from their general revenues. Government regret that they cannot comply with the wishes of the Municipal Council. They are of opinion that the entire cost of the working expenses should be borne by the Municipal Council and that it is possible for them to incur the additional expenditure without unduly burdening the tax-payers. For instance, by reducing the free supply of water from 4,000 gallons to 2,500 gallons, it is possible for the Municipality to earn an extra income of about Rs. 38,000 to Rs. 40,000 without any serious inconvenience to the population. So also by the installation of meters for all unmetered buildings at a cost of about Rs. 2 lakhs, it is expected that an annual income of about Rs. 72,000 can be realised by the Municipal Council. The Government are also prepared to accept the claim of the Municipal Council to levy water charges on all public buildings from which source a sum of about Rs. 40,000 is expected to be realised. If these measures are adopted by the Municipal Council, the total amount which the Municipal Council will have at their disposal will be about Rs. 3,24,000 as shown below:—

		Rs.
1.	Metering unmetered connections	46,000
2.	Reduction of free allowance	38,000
3.	Levy of water rate on Government buildings	40,000
4.	Contribution from Municipal Council	50,000
5.	Present excess water charges	40,000
6.	Water rate	1,10,000
	Total ..	3,24,000

No L. 2033-5—Ml. 81-29-8, dated 5th September 1930.

This will still leave a balance of Rs. 76,000. Government think that a sum of half a lakh of rupees which on the average, is being now incurred by the Municipal Council towards temporary works for ensuring a reasonable supply of water to the City should be made over to Government for meeting the annual maintenance charges of the new water supply. Government will be prepared to meet the balance of Rs. 26,000 a year out of the general revenues. The Municipal Commissioner is requested to place the matter before the Municipal Council and inform them that Government regret that they cannot fix the dues of the Municipal Council at Rs. 2,00,000 as requested by them and that in the opinion of Government, the Municipal Council can easily contribute about Rs. 3,74,000 as indicated above. Government will, as already stated, be prepared to make an annual grant of Rs. 26,000 if necessary and they will also be pleased to consider favourably any reasonable request for help which the Municipal Council may make in respect of completing their metering arrangement.

R. RANGA RAO,
General Secretary to Government.

To—The Municipal Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Bangalore, through the President, City Municipal Council, Bangalore.
The Comptroller to Government, through the Financial Secretariat.
The Chief Engineer of Mysore.

Exd.—C.K.

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For Secretary to the Resident.

S. N. 62
Pol. (M.) 2

Letter No. Pol. 244/Ml. 139-32-2, dated the 1st September, 1932, from the Secretary to the Government of Mysore, General Department, and enclosures.

T. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar
7-9-1932

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No. 31191 L.S.G./Comts.

From

C.V.Salusbury, Esquire, I.C.S.,
Offg. Secretary to Government, Punjab,
Transferred Departments.

To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident
in Mysore,
Bangalore.

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.
BANGALORE.
3 OCT 1932
Regd. No. 8864
File No.

Dated Lahore, the 28th September 1932.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No: 5223/690-1931, dated the 5th August 1932, I am directed by the Punjab Government (Ministry of Local Self Government) to forward a copy of Punjab Government Notification No. 29312, dated the 16th November 1927 with which the imposition of water-tax in the Multan municipality was notified, and to say that no water tax has been imposed by the Rawalpindi Municipal Committee. Sanction to the levy of water rate under Section 97(2) of the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911 was however accorded in the case of the Rawalpindi municipality as shown below :-

I For all inside 1/2" water connections -

(1) Where water is used for -

(a) domestic purposes - Rs.24 per annum

(b) domestic purposes for each branch connection from the same pipe - Rs.3/-per annum

(2) Where water is used for -

(a) religious purposes in Dharamsalas, temples and mosques - Rs.6/-per annum

(b) --- ---do----------for each branch connection from the same pipe - Rs.-/12/-per annum

P.T.O.

(3) Where water is used for gardening purposes - - Rs.60 per annum

(4) Where water is supplied under meter system for domestic purposes ---- - -/8/- per 1000 gallons

This rate will ipso facto apply also to non-domestic purposes under Section 98(2) of the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911.

(5) Where water is used for -

(a) Ice cream machines -

(i) 6 summer months 1st April to 30th September at Rs.3/- per mensem.

(ii) 6 winter months 1st October to 31st March at Rs. 2/-per mensem.

(iii) For each branch connection from the same pipe - - 3/-per annum

(b) Hamam (Hot water bath) purposes at Rs. 3/-per mensem

II. For all inside 3/8" water connections-

(1) Where water is used for -

(a) domestic purposes - Rs.13/8/-per annum

(b) ------- do.----- for each branch connection from the same pipe .... Rs.3/-per annum

(2) (a) religious purposes in Dharmsalas, temples and mosques Rs.3/6/- per annum

(b) --- ---do------ for each branch connection from the same pipe -/12/-per annum.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Superintendent in Charge,
for Offg. Secretary to Govt., Punjab,
Transferred Departments.

A.S.

17/9

No. 29312.- In pursuanceof the provisions of sub-section (7) of section 62 of the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911 it is hereby notified that the municipal committee of Multan has, with effect from the first day of April 1928, and with the previous sanction of the Punjab Government (Ministry of Local Self Government), imposed a water tax at the rate of four per centum per annum on the annual value of all buildings and lands situated in the following areas in the municipality of Multan, namely :-

(a) the area inside the city wall; and

(b) the area outside the city wall which is within a radius of five hundred feet from any public stand-post.

Provided -

(i) that the tax shall be payable by owners of such buildings and lands annually in advance; and

(ii) that no tax shall be levied in respect of any mosque temple, church, shrine or dharamsala.

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Secretary to the Resident.

S.N. 79.

P. W. R.

Letter No. 31191 L.S.G./Comts., dated the 28th September, 1932, from the Secretary to ~~the~~ Government, Punjab, --- Transferred Departments, with enclosure.

T. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar 15-10-1932.

Please quote
No. 3313-J
in further correspondence on the subject of this communication.

From

Major G.T.Fisher, I.A.,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the
Resident at Hyderabad.

To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the
Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.
11 OCT 1932
Regd. No. 9/32

Dated Hyderabad Residency, the 3rd October, *1932.*

Subject:- Water tax in Secunderabad.

Sir,

S.N. 57.
Secy D.

With reference to your letter No.6060/690/1931, dated 9th September 1932, on the subject indicated above, I am directed to inform you that an all-in subvention of H.S. Rs.3,70,000/- which has been fixed for a period of five years commencing from 1931-32, is being paid to the Secunderabad Cantonment Fund from the Secunderabad Local (Abkari etc. Fund, which corresponds to Provincial Revenues; the deficit in water supply is at present being met from this grant. I am to add that it has been agreed that the water supply should be made self-supporting by a revision of charges, and that the subvention should be reduced when this result has been achieved.

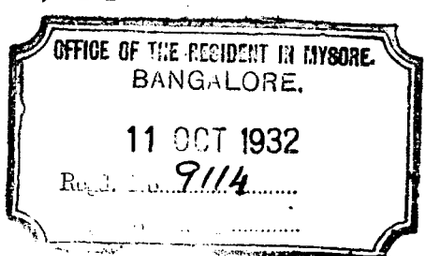
I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

For Secretary to the Hon'ble the
Resident.

No. 3049 /XI-20

All Communications to this Office should give the No., Date and Subject of any previous correspondence, and should note the department quoted.

From Khan Bahadur Saiyid Ain-ud-din Sahib, B.A.,
under Secretary to Government,
United Provinces,



To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident
in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dated Allahabad, October 6, 19 32.

Sir,

8.X.41.
Municipal (M)
Department

In reply to your letter no. 5223/690-1931, dated August 5, 1932, I am directed to say that water tax is not levied in the municipality of Meerut, while there is no water works in Bareilly. In Agra, however, water tax is levied at Rs.7/8/- per cent on the annual valuation of properties situated within a radius of 600 feet from a public standpost within the municipal limits.

2. I am to add that charges for excess consumption of water in force in the Agra municipality are :-

For domestic and non-domestic purposes.....at annas 6 per %o gallons.
For irrigation purposes at annas 10 per %o gallons.
For manufacturing purposes at annas 8 per %o gallons.
For Electric Supply Company at annas 12 per %o gallons.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for Under Secretary.

Sectt: 29.

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No.0/13021-D.

Political Department,

Bombay Castle, 8th October 1932.

From

C.W.A. Turner, Esquire, C.I.E.,

Offg. Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Political Department.

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.
BANGALORE.
11 OCT 1932
Regd. No. 9111
File No.

To

The Secretary to the Honourable the Resident in Mysore.

Subject:- Water tax.

Sir,

S.N.41.
R.C. in (M)

As desired in your letter No.5223/690-1931, dated the 5th August 1932, I am directed by the Governor in Council to supply the following information regarding the rate at which water tax is levied at the places in the Bombay Presidency mentioned:-

Ahmedabad Cantonment.

As.12-½ per 1000 gallons in the case of buildings to which meters are fixed, and at a general rate of 6 % on the rentals of all other buildings without meters. The revision of these rates from 12 ½ to 19 As. and from 6 % to 7 ⅛ per cent is under consideration.

Sholapur.

Diameter of pipes.	Charges per annum.	
	for 8 hours.	for 24 hours.
½"	Rs.20	Rs.40
¾"	Rs.40	Rs.120

Extra water on festivals, etc. upto 2 P.M. is allowed at a daily charge of Rs.2.

Belgaum.

No water tax is levied in the Belgaum Cantonment. The rate for water, supplied to entitled consumers by the M. E. S. has been fixed by the Government of India at Rs.2 per 1000 gallons.

Poona.

The water tax in the Poona cantonment Area for

for civil and military population is levied as per rules attached. A statement showing the water rates in Poona City is also enclosed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Offg. Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Political Department.

JPD

Rules for the Supply of Water to the Cantonment and Civil Station of Poona.

[*Vide* G. R., P. W. D. No. A. I —8639, dated 3-9-17.]

1. The Executive Engineer in charge is responsible for all matters connected with the Poona water-supply.

2. All water supplied shall be charged for according to the amount cosnumed, as registered by a meter, except—

(*a*) in cases covered by rule 10, or

(*b*) in cases provided for by the special orders of Government.

3. (1) Applications for attachments to the water mains shall be made to the Executive Engineer in charge.

(2) Where the application is made by the owner of the property, it may, except where the sanction of a higher authority is required by any rule or order, be granted by the Executive Engineer in charge on the applicant's signing an agreement promising to pay for the water-supply at the rates sanctioned by Government from time to time and to observe the rules for the time being in force relating to water-supply.

(3) Where the application is made by a person other than the owner of the property, it may, subject to the conditions of the preceding sub-rule, be granted at the discretion of the Executive Engineer in charge provided that three months' water rates, as estimated by him in accordance with rules 6, 7 or 10 are paid in advance as a deposit. The usual water rates, in this case, shall be paid by the applicant on the prescribed dates under the rules, and if not so paid, may be recovered from the deposit: the balance of the deposit shall be returned only after the attachment is closed and all arrears of water rate are paid.

4. (1) Attachments to the water mains will always be made by the Irrigation Department.

(2) The following fees shall be paid in advance before any such attachment is made:—

		Rs.	a.	p.
⅜ inch attachment	...	2	0	0
½ ,, ,,	...	2	8	0
¾ ,, ,,	...	3	0	0
1 ,, ,,	...	3	8	0
1½ to 2 inch attachment	...	5	0	0
2½ inch attachment and above as estimated for.				

5. Where application is made by the owner for the temporary closing of any such attachment a fee at half the above rates which shall cover the cost of closing and re-opening the attachment, shall be paid in advance.

6. The charge for water by meter shall be as follows:—

(*a*) Where the applicant pays the cost of the connections with the premises and lays down the service pipes, which work must be done by plumbers licensed by the Executive Engineer, 6 annas per 1,000 gallons.

(*b*) Where the connections are made and the service pipes laid down at the cost of Government by the Irrigation Department, 8 annas per 1,000 gallons.

(*c*) The total monthly charge under this rule shall be in addition to the rent charged for the meter and shall be subject to the following minima:—

		Rs.	a.	p.	
½ inch pipe	...	2	0	0	per month.
¾ and 1 inch pipe	...	4	0	0	,,

7. Meters will be provided and fixed at the expense of Government and rent shall be charged as follows:—

Rent for Meter.

		Rs.	a.	p.	
½ inch meter	...	0	8	0	per mensem.
¾ ,, ,,	...	0	12	0	,,
1 ,, ,,	...	1	0	0	,,
1½ ,, ,,	...	1	4	0	,,
2 ,, ,,	...	1	12	0	,,
2½ ,, ,,	...	2	4	0	,,
3 ,, ,,	...	3	0	0	,,

8. The meter shall wherever practicable, be placed inside the premises to which the water is supplied and the owner of the premises shall be liable for any damage to the meter and for the cost of all repairs except those due to fair wear and tear. The owner shall keep the meter box in a clean state, and if he fails to do so, any expense incurred in removing dirt, &c., to enable the readings to be taken will be included in his bill.

9. If, on examination, any meter is found to be out of order and consequently not registering correctly, the consumption during the period since the last reading till a proper meter is attached shall be calculated at the average daily consumption of the last registered period, or of the same period of the previous year or of any period during which, in the opinion of the Executive Engineer in charge, the consumption was most likely to be similar.

10. (1) For small houses in the bazars, and their vicinities, and in special cases for certain small houses without gardens elsewhere, water shall be charged for according to the diameter of the attachment to the water main as follows:—

		Rs.	a.	p.	
For $\frac{3}{8}$ inch attachment or tap	...	1	0	0	per month.
,, $\frac{1}{2}$,, ,, ,,	...	2	0	0	,,
,, $\frac{3}{4}$,, ,, ,,	...	4	0	0	,,

(2) The above rates shall be paid for the draw-off from one point only, that is, from one stand-post, one tap or any other method of draw-off from the private pipe attached to the Poona water-supply main. The rate for each tap from a tank shall be the same as for each tap from a pipe connection.

(3) The same rates shall be paid for every additional stand-post, tap or other method of draw-off from the same attachment.

(4) If an owner fails to intimate that he has increased the number of taps he will be charged for the additional taps from the date of the previous verification of taps.

11. (1) When a house is unoccupied and the owner is not in receipt of rent for the property, only one-half the rates prescribed in rule 10 shall be charged from the date of receipt of a written intimation to that effect in the office of the Executive Engineer in charge. This intimation should be repeated (if the house remains vacant) at the commencement of each succeeding quarter.

(2) The Executive Engineer in charge may, if he considers it advisable, order the attachment cock to an unoccupied house to be closed, in which case no charge shall be made for water. The charge for re-admitting water to a house shall be half the fee for an attachment prescribed in rule 4.

(3) If a tap is not required the owner may remove the same and fix an iron plug in its place. When this is done no charge will be made from the date on which a written intimation is received in the office of the Executive Engineer.

12. (1) If the Executive Engineer in charge considers it advisable, a meter may be fixed to the service pipes from any attachment charged for in accordance with rule 10, and after 24 hours' notice the charge for the water-supply may be made in accordance with rules 6 and 7.

(2) Similarly in cases in which water is charged for in accordance with rule 6, the Executive Engineer may remove the meter when requested to do so by the house-owner, provided the Executive Engineer is satisfied that the removal of the meter is not likely to reduce the charges for water consumed below the sanctioned rate.

13. (1) Rates charged under rule 10 shall be payable in advance in four equal quarterly instalments, not later than 15th April, 15th July, 15th October, and 15th January. Should a refund be claimed under rule 11, it will be granted for periods of not less than half a month, and more than 2 clear days in a half month, commencing from the 1st or the 15th as the case may be, shall be counted as the full half month.

(2) In the case of charges under rules 6 and 7 bills will be prepared in the office of the Executive Engineer in charge and the amounts due collected either monthly or quarterly at his discretion.

(3) In order to facilitate the adjustment of accounts between landlords and tenants, the Executive Engineer in charge will, when called upon in writing, furnish a memorandum showing the consumption and probable charges on account of water rate and meter rent for any broken period of the month or quarter since the preparation of the last bill in his office.

14. The Executive Engineer in charge shall have power to cut off the connection between the private pipe and the public main in any of the following events :—

(*a*) In default of payment of water rates and meter rents or of any bill submitted on account of repairs to meters within 20 days after the same shall have been demanded in writing.

(*b*) If any house-owner or occupier who is supplied with water under rule 6 or rule 10 shall, without the previous sanction of the Executive Engineer in charge, permit the supply of water to persons other than those residing on the premises or shall use the water for purposes in violation of the conditions on which it is granted, provided that 6 days' printed or written notice is previously given from the Executive Engineer's office.

(*c*) In case of leakage of pipes or other defects in the private service arrangements likely to cause loss to Government, provided that 48 hours' notice be given previously from the Executive Engineer's office.

(*d*) If water not charged for by meter shall be allowed to run to waste after the owner or the occupier shall have been warned in a printed or written notice from the Executive Engineer's office not to allow it to do so.

(*e*) In case of broken pipes or fittings causing loss of water likely to cause damage to property, after such notice as may be possible has been given.

(*f*) In case of refusal to allow the Executive Engineer, or his authorised agent to enter on any land or building for the purpose of inspecting service pipes, fittings, &c.

(*g*) If the house-owner fails to imbed pipes which are exposed or lie above the ground surface or to remove pipes from situations where in the Executive Engineer's opinion the water-supply is liable to contamination, in each case within a period of 48 hours from date of issue of a written notice from the Executive Engineer's office. (This clause applies only in cases where the pipes have been laid by landlords or occupiers and where under the rules they are responsible for defects in the same.)

(*h*) If any new service pipes are laid or any material extension or alteration to a private water connection, pipe, &c., is carried out by any other person than a plumber licensed by the Executive Engineer.

(*i*) If a pump or any other contrivance for increasing the supply of water through a pipe be connected to the service pipes of a house.

15. The Executive Engineer in charge shall have the power to open any road for the purpose of laying new mains, service pipes to private houses, or for any purpose in connection with the distribution of water, and shall be responsible for the efficient repairs to the road, drains or any structure that has to be removed in order to carry out the work referred to.

16. Tanks for storing water from attachments to the water mains shall not be fixed without the sanction of the Executive Engineer in charge; if so fixed, the owner will be liable to be charged for taking water in an unauthorised manner from the date of the previous verification of taps.

17. Persons entitled to free water-supply shall be limited to a definite quantity to be decided by Government in each case and any excess shall be charged for at 8 annas per 1,000 gallons.

18. (1) Subject to rule 3 (3), owners of property shall be solely responsible for the payment of all charges preferred under the above rules. The Executive Engineer in charge may, however, receive payment by an agent or a tenant duly authorised by the owner of the property who in any case shall be held responsible in default of payment by his agent or tenant.

(2) If any payments due under these rules on a house or property which is sold or whose ownership is transferred remain in arrears, the supply of water shall be stopped until the arrears are paid.

19. In the event of any water bieng wasted or used in an unauthorised manner the owner shall be liable to be charged a sum not exceeding three times the value of the water estimated by the Executive Engineer in charge to have been wasted, or used in an unauthorised manner.

20. Any person committing a breach of clause (*b*), clause (*c*), clause(*h*) or clause (*i*) of rule 14, or of rule 16, shall on conviction by a Magistrate be liable to the penalty provided in section 61 of the Bombay Irrigation Act, 1879: provided that nothing herein contained shall be deemed to affect the liability of such person to prosecution under any other enactment.

POONA: PRINTED AT THE YERAVDA PRISON PRESS.

Scale of Water Tax in Poona City.

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For ½" water connection	Rs.18/-	per annum	}	Payable half yearly in advance on 1st April and 1st October every year.
" ¾" ----do----	Rs.32/-	" "	}	
" 1" ----do----	Rs.54/-	" "	}	

Rates for water connection taken for a period of less than six months:

½" connection	Re. 1½	per month or part thereof
¾" ---do---	Rs.2-12-0	-----do------
1" ---do---	Rs.4- 8-0	-----do-----

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Secretary to the Resident.

S.N. 82
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Letter No. 3049/XI-20, dated the 6th October, 1932, from the Under ----- Secretary to Government, United ------- Provinces.

S.N. 83
P.W.B I

Letter No. O/13021-D., dated the 8th October, 1932, from the Chief ---- Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Political Department, and enclosures.

T. N. Thangavelu
Mudaliar.
20-10-1932.

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From

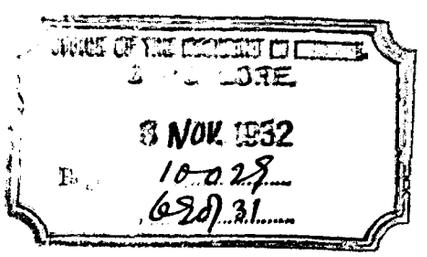
The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Agent

to the Governor-General, in Rajputana.
and Chief Commissioner, Ajmer-Merwara.

To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the

Resident in Mysore.



Dated CAMP THE 4th November, 1932

WATER TAX.

Sir,

8.N.60. Sect. (J)

With reference to your letter No. 6061/690-1931, dated the 9th September 1932, on the above subject, I am directed to forward a copy of this Administration's notifications Nos. 872-39 and 880/57, dated respectively the 10th June 1921 and 4th June 1924 on the subject of raising the water tax and fees by the Ajmer Municipality.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

I.C.S.
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Agent
to the Governor General in Rajputana
and Chief Commissioner, Ajmer-Merwara

Orders by the Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner, Ajmer-Merwara.

Notification

Abu the 10th June 1921.

No.872-39. In exercise of the powers conferred by section 145(1)(g) of the Ajmer Municipalities Regulations, V of 1886, and in supersession of this office Notification No. 272-CA-29, dated the 7th February 1911, as subsequently amended, the Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner, Ajmer-Merwara, is pleased to make the following revised rules for regulating the supply of water to private consumers and the realisation of water fees in Ajmer :-

1. The applicant shall deposit the estimates cost of al works or repairs necessary for the private connnections before the work is commenced.

An estimate of the cost of private connections will be prepared by the Water Works staff on receipt of an application together with a feee of Rs 5 which amount will be returned if the work estimated for be carried out within a year of the date of the application.

vide Form 1.

On the estimated amount having been received, the connection will be put in as soon as possible.

On completion of the work, savings (if any) will be refunded to the depositor, similarly any excess over the estimated cost will have to be paid by the applicant.

2. After the completion of the work and before the commencement of supply of water the applicant shall, for th due observance of these rules , deposit a sum of Rs 5 which, if found later not sufficient may be raised to Rs 10 at the discretion of the Chairman.

3. Fees not exceeding 8 annas per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof exclusive of pumping charges, if any, subject to a minimum charge of Rs 2/- per mensem shall be chargeable for water supplied.

4. Payment of water fees, etc, shall be made within seven days of the presentation of the bill, which shall bear a note to the effect that the amount of the bill should be paid within seven days.

5.(a) If the a ount of the bill is not paid within seven days as noted on the bill, a notice shall be issued informing the consumer that if the amount of the bill be not paid within a further period of seven days , supply of water shall be cut off on the expiry of that period and the amount of water fees due upto the date of the cutting off of supply recovered, if any, shall be recovered according to law.

(b) To this a receipt form shall be attached so that no question of non-delivery can be raised.

Explanation :- All charges for work done on behalf of the Committee shall be recoverable as water fees.

6. If a consumer who has paid his bills regularly inform the Chairman that he does not wish to have supply of water continued to him, the supply will be cut off and his deposit will be returned to him after deducting therefrom such amount as may be found due on account of water fees upto the date water is cut off.

7. No complaint regarding the quantity of water charged being excessive on account of the inaccuracy of the meter shall be entertained unless made within a period of 14 days of the presentation of the bill.

8. The Chairman, Vice Chairman to the Municipal Committee, the Executive Engineer, Ajmer Division, or any subordinate duly authorised by any of the above mentioned officers shall be allowed to enter any premises supplied with water under these rules in order to examine any works or fittings connected with the water supply or to ascertain the uses to which the water is being put.

9. In all cases before the water is turned on a meter shall be provided at the expense of the applicant to measure the amount of water consumed. This meter may be supplied by the applicant himself or obtained through the

agency of the Committee, but must in the case of the applicant desiring to come under the provisions of sub-clause (A) be a new meter of approved pattern.

The approximate prices of Siemen's meters at present are:-

½ inch	--	--	Rs 50/-
¾ inch	--	--	" 60/-
1 "	--	--	" 70/-
1½ "	--	--	" 105/-
2 "	--	--	" 140/-

10. The meter will be tested at the time of installation by the Executive Engineer, Ajmer Division, and in the event of its not being found to register correctly it shall be adjusted or replaced by the applicant or Committee whichever party has supplied the meter.

11. After installation the applicant may elect to come under the provisions of either sub-clasue (A) or sub-clause (B) of this rule. Sub Clause (A) applies when the Municipality engage to maintain the meter, sub-clause (B) when the owner or the applicant elects to do so.

Sub Clause A.

(i) As soon as the installation of a meter to be maintained by the Municipality is completed, the meter shall be placed in the charge of the Committee to be kept in proper repair.

(ii) For this service the Committee will levy a feee equivalent to 15 per cent per annum on the first cost of the meter. This fee will be recovered in monthly instalment with the amount due for water consumed (if any).

(iii) For this amount the Committee will undertake to

(a) periodically test the meter giving the consumer 24' hours' notice of the proposed test so that he may be present himslef or depute some one to represent him.

(b) repair and keep in repair the meter and to replace the same when necessary.

(iv) The meter will remain the property of the

consumer and will be returned to him in the state in which it stands, whenever the water supply be cut off and the consumer so desires.

(v) Should the connection be closed for a month or less the fee must be paid in full; if for more than a month the meter will be removed by the Water Works staff to the godown and there stored free of charge until again required. The cost of removal and refixing together with the cost of overhauling the same being borne by the consumer

(vi) Should the consumer wish to dispose of the meter when the connection is permanently closed the Municipality shall purchase the same at cost price.

(vii) Consumers electing to come under sub-clause (A) may at any time demand to have their meter tested on the payment in cash of a feee of Re 1/- which will be refunded if the meter is found out of order.

Should the consumer not be satisfied with the result of the test a second test will be made at the Water Works Godown for a fee of Rs 10/- which will be refunded if the meter register more than 5 per cent above or below the quantity of water passed through it.

(viii)Existing consumers wishing to come under these rules may do so after their meters are put into proper working order.

If the existing meter is repairable it will be repaired for them by the Committee at actual cost price before being taken over. If it is found unserviceable it must be replaced by the consumer before being taken over by the Committee.

Sub Clause B.

(i) If the applicant or owner elects to maintain the meter, he will take charge of it after its installation and will be held responsible that it is kept in proper repair.

(ii) The keys of the meter chamber will be kept by the Water Works staff who will read the meter on such

water works.

(iii) The Water Works staff on giving 24 hours' notice may at any time test the meter.

(iv) If the meter is out of order notice will be sent to the consumer who must have the meter repaired or replaced as soon as possible.

(v) If after one month from the date of such notice the meter is not repaired or replaced the consumer's water shall be cut off until such time as the meter is repaired or replaced.

(vi) After repair or replacement the consumer shal inform the Water Works staff in writing of the fact and the meter will then be tested and reported on by them.

(vii) Every consumer coming under sub-clause (B) may have his meter tested by written request on payment of a feee of Re 1-8-0 but no refund will be made even if the result of the test showsthe meter to be incorrect.

12. The Committee may at any time withdraw their permission for water to be used for garden and should the consumer be found to be disregarding such an order the Committee may cut off supply either for a time or permanentl or may take any other action that may appear necessary against the consumer.

13. In cases where the Committee cut off the water supply they do not hold themselves liable for any loss or damage incurred by the consumer or owner of the building from which the water is cut off.

14. The consumer must keep their pipe lines, taps, etc, in repair and if leaking or worn out must replace them with in seven days of receipt of notice to do so, otherwise the water supply will be cut off. If the consumer so desires, such repairs or renewals will be made by the Water Works staff on deposit of the estimated cost as in the case of new works.

15. The Committee reserve to themselves the right at any time on giving one month's notice of modifying or

cancelling any of the above rules, conditions and rates.

FORM NO.1.

Ajmer Municipality

The Chairman,
Municipal Committee,
Ajmer.

Sir,

I having read and understood the rules and conditions regulating the supply of water, hereby bind myself to abide by all and each of them and am anxious to have water laid to the building known as ... and situated within the following boundaries:-

EAST -

West -

North -

South -

A sum of Rs 5 is herewith remitted to cover the cost of preparing the estimates and plan, etc.

I wish to come under the provisions of rule 9 Sub clause (A) / Sub clause (B) for the repair ,etc, of my meter.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Signature
Mohalla.

No. Dated Ajmer the 19

Forwarded in original with the sum of Rs 5 to the

ORDERS BY THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, AJMER-MERWARA.

NOTIFICATION.

Mount Abu, the 4th June 1924.

No. 380/57.- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 145 (1) (e) of the Ajmer Municipalities Regulation, 1886 (V of 1886) the Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner, Ajmer-Merwara, is pleased to make the following rules for the assessment and collection of the taxes mentioned below in the Municipality of Ajmer and for preventing evasion of the same.

By Order,

H.R. Lynch Blosse, I.C.S.,

Secretary to the Chief Commissioner,

Ajmer-Merwara.

Rules for the assessment and recovery of water tax.

A water tax at 6¼ per cent shall be levied on the annual rental value of all houses, buildings and lands situated within a radius of 200 yards or 600 feet from a Municipal main (pipe line) except such houses, buildings and lands as receive a metered supply of water. The tax shall be payable by the occupier of such house, building or land.

(2) "Annual rental value" in the case of Railway stations Hotels, Colleges, Schools, Hospitals, Factories, Government and Railway buildings, and such other buildings not rented means 4 per cent. of the sum obtained by adding the estimated present cost of erecting the building to the estimated value of the land appurtenant thereto.

(3) "Buildings" include the compounds (if any) thereof. and where there are several buildings in a common compound, all such buildings in the common compound.

(4) The tax shall be payable in four equal instalments in advance on the 1st April, 1st July, 1st October and 1st January, for the quarters commencing respectively on these dates: provided that any person so desirous may pay any

instalment in advance of the date fixed for the same.

(5) (i) Any person may at any time apply to the Secretary to have his name entered as owner in the assessment list of any building or land and, unless there is sufficient reason to refuse such application (which refusal shall be recorded in writing), his name shall be so entered in the assessment list.

(ii) When doubt exists as to who is entitled to be entered as owner of any building or land, the Committee, or officer to whom powers have been delegated for such pruposes, shall determine who is entitled to be entered as such, and this decision shall remain in force till set aside by the order of a competent court.

(6) (i) If the proprietary rights in any building or land assessed to, or subject to the payment of, this tax are transferred, the person who transfers his rights, and the person to whom they are transferred, shall, within three months after the execution of the instrument of transfer, or after its registration, if it is registered, or after delivery is effected, if no instrument is executed, give notice of such transfer in writing to the Committee.

(ii) If the owner of any building or land assessed to, subject to the payment of, this tax dies, the person succeeding as heir, or otherwise, to his rights in the property shall similarly give notice of his succession to such rights within three months from the date thereof.

(7) (i) The notice to be given under the last preceding rule shall state clearly and correctly all the particulars menticned in the said rule.

(ii) Any such transferee shall, if called upon to do so by the Secretary, produce the instrument of transfer (if any) or a copy thereof obtained under the Indian Registration Act, 1877.

(8) For the purpose of obtaining a partial remission or refund of the tax, the owner of a building composed of separate tenements may request the Committee at the time of the assessment of the building, to enter in the assessment

list, in addition to the annual rental value of the whole building, a note recording in detail the annual rental value of each separate tenement. When any tenement, the annual rental value of which has been thus separately recorded, has remained vacant and unproductive of rent for 90 or more consecutive days during any year, such portion of the tax on the whole building shall be remitted or refunded as would have been remitted or refunded if the tenement has been separately assessed.

(9) The Committee shall once in six years, or at such shorter interval as it may with the sanction of the Chief Commissioner determine, cause an assessment list to be prepared by the Secretary or in such other manner as it may think proper before the 1st February preceding the commencement of the period for which the assessment is made.

(10) To enable the Committee to determine the annual rental value of any house, building or land and the person liable for the payment of any water tax leviable in respect thereof, the Chairman, the Secretary or the assessing officer duly appointed for this purpose may require the owner or occupier of such house, building or land or of any portion thereof to furnish within 15 days a written return signed by such owner or occupier giving -

(a) the name and place of abode of the owner or of both the owner and occupier of such house, building or land or his or their agents;

(b) the dimensions of such house, building or land, or of any portion thereof;

(c) in the case of land, the gross annual rent at which it may reasonably be expected to let from year to year;

(d) in the case of any house or building erected for letting purposes or ordinarily let-

(1) the gross annual rent at which such house or building, together with its appurtenances and any furniture that may be let for use or enjoyment therewith, may reasonably be expected to let from year to year;

(2) the letting value of the furniture;

(e) in the case of any house or building not erected for letting purposes and not ordinarily let-

(1) the estimated present cost of erecting the house or building as it stands on the date of declaration;

(2) the amount claimed to be deducted on account of depreciation, if any;

(3) the value of the land valued with the yielding as part of the same premises;

(4) any exceptional circumstances rendering the valuation excessive;

(f) in the case of a factory of which the buildings are owned by the proprietors of the factory the present value of the premises according to the block account.

(11) Every owner or occupier on whom such requision is made shall be bound to comply with the same and to give true information and to make a true return.

(12) Every owner or occupier shall at any time between the hour of 7 in the forenoon and sunset, after receipt of a notice from the Committee in writing of not less than 24 hours, permit any authorised officer of the Committee to enter on, inspect, survey and measure such building or land. Such notice shall only hold good for 48 hours after service.

In entering any house due regard shall be paid to the social and religious sentiments of the occupiers and before any apartment in the actual occupancy of any woman, who, according to custom, does not appear in public, is entered, notice shall be given to her that she is at liberty to withdraw, and every reasonable facility shall be afforded to her for withdrawing.

(13) When the assessment list has been completed, the Committee shall give public notice thereof and of the place where the list or a copy thereof may be inspected. Such public notice shall be given by advertisement in the local newspaper, if any, or by placards posted up in conspicuous places throughout the Municipality or in such other manner as the Committee may prescribe.

Every person likely to be affected by the list or a legally authorized agent of such person shall be at liberty to inspect the list or the copy of it or to apply for such extracts therefrom as may directly affect himself or his

principal. Copies shall be granted only on payment of the prescribed fee.

(14) The Committee shall, at the time of publication of such assessment list, give public notice of a time not less than one month thereafter, before the expiry of which it will receive objections to the basis of assessment, and in all cases in which any person's name is for the first time entered on the list as an assessee, or the assessment on him is increased, it shall give special notice thereof to such person.

(15) All objections to the proposed assessment shall be made in writing before the time fixed in the notice, or orally or in writing at that time. All objections in writing shall be properly attested by the person affected by the assessment list or his legally authorized agent and delivered at the Municipal Office addressed to the Secretary and shall set forth briefly the grounds of objections.

(16) Objections received under the last preceding rule shall, on receipt, be entered in a register of objections, and notice shall be given to each objector of the day, time and place when and where his objection will be considered.

(17) At the time and place so fixed the objections received shall be considered and disposed of by a specially appointed Sub-committee of the Committee in the presence of the objector or his legally authorized agent if he shall appear, and if not, in his absence.

For reasonable cause the investigation of the objections may from time to time be adjourned.

(18) The objections having been disposed of, the result shall be noted in the register of objections and from this register any amendments necessary in the proposed assessment shall be made in the assessment list.

(19) An appeal against any order passed under rule 17 shall lie to the General Committee if preferred within one month from the date of the order.

(20) The Committee shall, upon considering the said appeal pass such order as it may think proper, and any necessary amendments in the assessment list shall be made in accordance with such order.

(21) When the objections made under rule 15 and the appeals under rule 19 have been disposed of, the assessment list shall be laid before the Committee. The assessments as finally confirmed by the Committee shall be entered in the appropriate columns of the list which shall then be signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the Chairman and one member of the Committee.

Note.- When the name of the owner is not known, it shall be sufficient to designate him in the assessment register as the "Owner".

(22) Subject to such amendments as may thereafter be duly made the taxes so assessed shall be deemed to be the demand for the period commencing on the first day of April of the year in which the assessment is made.

(23) (i) If, during the currency of any assessment, any alteration and improvement is made to any house, building or land which may enhance the annual rental value of the same the Committee may cause such house, building or land to be again valued, and such last mentioned valuation shall remain in force, and the tax shall be assessed according to it until the expiry of the current period of assessment or until within that period another substantial alteration and improvement is made, in which case the building or land may be valued and rated again.

(ii) If during the currency of any assessment the annual rental value of any house, building or land shall suffer depreciation, the Committee shall, as soon as practicable, on application being made to the Secretary in writing by the owner of such house, building or land, cause it to be again valued and such last mentioned valuation shall remain in force and the tax shall be assessed according to it, until the expiry of the current assessment, subject to the privisions

payable. If the tax is not received along with the application the Secretary shall cause a bill to be prepared and presented to the applicant and shall recover the tax in the manner provided by section 153 of the Ajmer Municipalities Regulation, 1886 (V of 1886). The license shall be in the prescribed form of receipt issued by the Secretary for the amount of the tax.

3. A person to whom a license has been granted shall, on or before the date on which the period of the license expires, make a fresh application for a new license in the manner provided in rule 2.

4. The keeper of a livery stable shall, for the purpose of these rules, be liable to pay the tax for every horse in the stable.

5. A person who has transferred a taxed horse shall, within 15 days of the date of transfer, give notice in writing of the fact to the Secretary, giving the name and address of the person to whom the said horse has been transferred and shall then be entitled to a refund or remission of a sum equal to the difference between the tax paid or payable and the tax due up to the date on which the notice was given.

6. Where, owing to the absence from the municipal limits of a person owning a taxed horse, that horse is not used for a period in excess of one month, or where a taxed horse is removed from the municipal limits for such period, the tax for that period shall be refunded provided that no refund shall be given unless notice in writing of the intended absence or removal has been given to the Secretary and that no refund shall take effect for any period previous to the day of the delivery of such notice.

7. For the purpose of calculating the tax due under rule 2 or the refund payable under rules 5 and 6, fractions of a month of 15 days and over shall be considered as a full month and fractions of a month of less than 15 days shall be disregarded.

Penalty.

Any person who shall commit a breach of any of the foregoing rules shall be liable to a fine which may extend to

Rs. 50.

SCHEDULE A.

(For horses in private use.)

Horse . . . As.4 each per mensem.

SCHEDULE B.

(For horses used in hackney carriages.)

Horse . . . As 2 each per mensem.

Horse Tax.

Form of application for license.

Name.	Occupation.	Address.	No.of horses.	Description.	Period for which license is required.	Amount of tax payable.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Date_____

Signature or thumb impression of the applicant.

DEPARTMENT.

BRANCH.

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No. 7808 Dated 18th November 1932

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To

A copy of the undermentioned paper is forwarded to the President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, for information, in continuation of the endorsement from this ------- Residency No. 6059, dated the 9th ------- September, 1932.

Secretary to the Resident.

Letter No. 2039/228-CC/32, dated the 4th November, 1932, from the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor General, in Rajputana and Chief Commr., Ajmer-Merwara, with enclosure.*

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CIVIL & MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE,
MUNICIPAL OFFICE,

Dated, 2nd December 1932.

From

G. H. COOKE ESQ., M. C., I. C. S.,
President, Municipal Commission,
Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

To *The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident*
in Mysore,
Bangalore.

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.
BANGALORE.
-5 DEC. 1932
Regd. No. SIR, 10879
File. No.

S.N-95.
R.C.W.(D)

Reference:- Your Memorandum No. 7808/690-1931, dated the 18th November 1932.

As desired in your Memorandum quoted above, I have the honour to return, herewith, the enclosures received with it.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for President, M. C.

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No. Gt:8/32 Encl.

CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE.
MUNICIPAL OFFICE.
DATED 7th November 1932.

From

G. H. COOKE, ESQ., M. C., I. C. S.,
President, Municipal Commission,
C. & M. Station, BANGALORE.

To

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.
BANGALORE.
9 NOV. 1932
Regd. No. 6005
File No. 6/0/32

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

SIR,

Bangalore Water Supply - 'T' Scheme.

S.N. 39 Enclosure (I)

With reference to para 2 of your letter No. 5221/690-1931, dated the 5th August 1932, suggesting for the consideration of the Municipal Commission the question of raising the water tax in the Station, I have the honour to state that the matter was very carefully considered by a joint-meeting of the Standing Committee and the Water Sub-Committee who made the following recommendation to the Municipal Commission:-

"The Joint Committee recommend that the Commission should resolve as follows:-

While the actual increase in the water tax of 6% now levied is not recommended as a measure to meet the increased water charges, the Commission would point out that by reducing the free allowance of water, by fixing a maximum free allowance and by abolishing a minimum free allowance, the charge for water has been definitely enhanced.

The Commission are very loathe to increase taxation to a level still higher than that existing in Bangalore City.

A real appreciation of the financial situation will only be possible after the new scheme has come into force."

2. This recommendation was accepted by the Municipal Commission at their ordinary meeting held on the 27th October 1932 (vide copy of resolution No.13, dated the 27th October 1932, enclosed).

3. The rate of water tax stands at present at 6% of the annual value and though this rate has not been actually raised, the effect of the measures taken by the Municipal Commission

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viz., (1) Reduction of the free allowance of water from 120 gallons per rupee of rental per mensem to 80 gallons. (2) Fixing the maximum free allowance at 5,000 gallons per mensem, the existing maximum being 15,000 gallons per mensem. (3) Abolition of a minimum free allowance which at present stands at 3,000 gallons per mensem will be definitely to enhance the water rate.

4. The present rate of water tax in the Station is 1½% higher than that existing in Bangalore City and to raise the tax to a still higher level in addition to the imposition of the above charges would not be equitable and would cause great discontent among the ratepayers. Such action might even lead to property owners abandoning the station and investing their capital on house building in the City.

5. In proposing to introduce the measures referred to in my letter No.Gt.8/32 dated the 5th July 1932, the Commission have explored all possible avenues of raising additional funds; they cannot at present think of any other possible sources of revenue, but for the reasons I have stated they are, I feel with justification, averse to an increase in the water tax.

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6. In this connection I would point out that in Bangalore City, the Municipality are allowed to tax public buildings, and from this source they derive an income of some Rs.40,000/- per annum. In addition I understand that the Government of His Highness have promised them an annual grant of Rs.30,000/- to enable them to meet the increased charges for water under the new scheme. The Commission feel that these facts strengthen their claim for a grant from the revenues of the Assigned Tract, and they trust that should the result of the measures they propose to meet the charges show a deficit in their water budget, the Hon'ble the Resident will be pleased to reconsider the question

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of

of sanctioning a grant as recommended in my letter No.Gt.8/32 dated the 5th July 1932.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

T.X.I.r.
President, M. C.

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Municipal Commission's resolution dated the 27th October 1932. (Ordinary meeting).

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13. Letter No.5221/690-1931 dated the 5th August 1932, from the Secretary to the Resident suggesting the consideration by the Commission of the question of raising the water tax in the Station.

The Joint Committee recommend that the Commission should resolve as follows:-

While the actual increase in the water tax of 6% now levied is not recommended as a measure to meet the increased water charges, the Commission would point out that by reducing the free allowance of water, by fixing a maximum free allowance and by abolishing a minim free allowance, the charge for water has been definitely enhanced.

The Commission are very loathe to increase taxation to a level still higher than that existing in Bangalore City.

A real appreciation of the financial situation will only be possible after the new scheme has come into force.

Resolved that the Secretary to the Resident be informed that:

While the actual increase in the water tax of 6% now levied is not recommended as a measure to meet the increased water charges, the Commission would point out that by reducing the free allowance of water, by fixing a maximum free allowance and by abolishing a minimum free allowance, the charge for water has been definitely enhanced.

The Commission are very loathe to increase taxation to a level still higher than that existing in Bangalore City.

A real appreciation of the financial situation will only be possible after the new scheme has come into force.

(File No.235 of 1923).

(Sd). G. H. Cooke,

President, M. C.

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No. Gt 8/32

CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE.
MUNICIPAL OFFICE.
DATED 6th December 1932.

From

G. H. COOKE, ESQ., M. C., I. C. S.,
President, Municipal Commission,
C. & M. Station, BANGALORE.

To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.
BANGALORE.
12 DEC. 1932
Regd. No. 11116
File. No. 640/1931.

SIR,

Bangalore Water Supply.

I have the honour to invite a reference to the Municipal Commission's resolution No.2, dated the 1st July 1932, a copy of which was forwarded to you with this office letter No.Gt.8/32 dated the 5th July 1932, and to inform you that, at their special meeting held on the 24th November 1932, the Municipal Commission resolved to drop the question of proceeding with the levying of a tax on vacant building sites in the Station, in view of (1) the objections received against its levy (vide copies enclosed), (2) the difficulty and expense of collecting the tax and (3) the small income that may be expected from the source - vide copy of resolution No.1 dated the 24th November 1932, enclosed.

2. There is, I think, considerable force in the objection raised by the Trades Association that it is a wrong principle to levy a tax on vacant sites while vacant houses are exempt from taxation. Besides the number of vacant sites is few and the income that the Municipal Commission might derive from their taxation would hardly be commensurate with the time and trouble expended on its collection. I can also foresee disputes over the question of what is a building site and what is not, necessitating frequest references to the appeal committee of the Municipal Commission. In addition, I am inclined to think that the imposition of this tax would create an impression in the public mind that the Municipal Commission wanted to congest the Station by indirectly forcing the people to build on vacant

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sites while, in fact, it is their avowed intention to relieve congestion as far as possible, for which purpose they have spent considerable sums of money in the past and are providing a certain sum of money in their budget estimate every year.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

President, M. C.

MVL.

6.12.32

Letter dated the 20th October 1932, from the Honorary Secretary, Bangalore Trades Association, No.6, Residency road, Bangalore, to the President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

Subject:- Tax on vacant building sites.

With reference to Notice No.7064/32 dated the 6th instant published in the local papers regarding the proposed imposition of a tax on vacant building sites, I have the honour to state that it is the opinion of the Committee of my Association that this subject should not be passed into Law until the whole matter has been thoroughly investigated from every point of view.

There are many owners of vacant sites who would gladly build if they had the necessary finance and there are also many owners who were jockeyed into the purchase of vacant sites to open up fallow lands and extend the Station. We are of opinion that it is the wrong time to introduce such a measure.

To cite a parallel case, vacant buildings are not taxed; therefore, why vacant plots? In some cases it is the owners fault that buildings have not been erected but we do not think this is the rule. Invariably there is some very necessary and important reason why building has not been proceeded with.

The following questionnaire may be of assistance in debating the subject:-

1. *What is a building site?*
2. *What is the compound of a building?*
3. *How was the tax of one anna per 100 sq. ft. arrived at and on what was it based?*
4. *Are all building sites of the same value?*
5. *Is there no difference in building sites where the (a) owner of the land, provided the land and road to convert open fields into buildings sites and (b) where the Municipality had to acquire the land by purchase and then make the road at their own expense.*
6. *In No.5(a) the Municipality gain - In 5(b) the owner of the building site and yet both are treated alike.*
7. *Can a tax be levied where there is no income - e.g. unoccupied houses are exempted from house taxes then how can vacant buildings sites be taxed?*
8. *When owners of vacant lands a few years ago came forward at the request of the Municipal Commissio and opened up fallow lands by building roads at their own expense and giving such land for the*

free to the Municipality now to be taxed - if they had know this was to come they would not have converted their lands into building sites, and can they now ask that these lands be reconverted into vacant and fallow land, as the Municipality have spent nothing as far as their lands are concerned.

9. If the owner of a vacant building site cannot afford to pay the proposed tax, how can he be expected to build. The money market is very tight and this is no time to impose a tax on something from which no income is derived.

10. If a owner is unable to build for want of funds due to various reasons are the Municipal Commission willing to take over his vacant building sites at a reasonable figure and so help him out of his difficulties instead of driving him deeper into them?

Taking all the above into careful consideration we are definitely of the opinion that this tax should not be imposed as in the majority of cases it will be a real burden to the owner. If, however, the Commission are still of the opinion that the imposition should be made, we suggest (a) that the term "vacant building site" should mean "that site for which application for a building is submitted together with plans in duplicate and the plan accepted and sanctioned by the Commission". If such a vacant building site is not constructed upon within a reasonable time after sanction, taxation may be proceeded with. (b) that each site should not be treated alike but taxed upon the rental value of the proposed building taking into consideration the locality of the site. Certainly, a plot of 100 yards square in South Parade or Brigade is an entirely different proposition to a plot of the same dimension on the very outskirts of our Station.

" Copy. "

MVL.

6.12.32

Letter No.311232/MSD, dated the 31st October 1932, from Messrs. Campbell & Sons, Bangalore, to the President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

Taxing of vacant building sites.

As the above matter is now before the consideration of the Municipal Commission may I kindly invite your attention to my letter No.D.A.7732 of July 7th 1932 (copy enclosed for your ready reference) and your reply to same viz. Ref.No.4877/32 of July 11th 1932.

I have carefully studied the Income Tax Act, the Municipal Tax Act and taxes of different kinds and in all cases I find a tax is levied only when there is an income. Your Commission do not tax vacant buildings and why? Because there is no income - Surely then the taxing of vacant building sites already sanctioned is iniquitous.

Should in spite of all this the tax be passed then may I suggest that those who have applied for sanction to build and have not yet built be given time to either build or to withdraw their applications after which the tax may be imposed.

I am sure, Sir, you will give this matter your very kind consideration and for which I shall be thankful.

" Copy. "

MVL.

6.12.32

Letter No.D.A.7732 dated the 7th July 1932, from Messrs. Campbell & Sons, Bangalore, to the President, Municipal Commission Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

With reference to the proposal made at the last Municipal meeting of the Civil and Military Station Municipality viz., Taking of Building sites may I kindly enquire if this means that building sites producing no income are to be taxed. If this is so, I most strongly object to same. I gave land free to the Municipal Commission and spent over Rupees two thousand on the making of roads and then handing these roads over to the Municipality. I did this at a time when the Municipal Commission felt there was a demand for small dwellings. Some of these sites I have sold but have many left. I am doing my best to sell them but owing to the tightness of the money market sales are very slow. I am willing to sell the sites I have left at 10 to 15 per cent cheaper than what I sold previously, but to aske me to pay taxes on them now after my coming forward to open up extensions with the understanding that these sites would not be taxed is not fair.

This matter came before the Commission a little while back and was not accepted. It would be quite in order if all future sanctioned building sites are to be taxed, as then one would know but to tax such as have already been sanctioned for without such knowledge is not just. I would not have opened up new sites which at the time it was felt there was a want had I such information.

I feel sure, Sir, you will see my position and give the matter your kind consideration.

I strongly object to this taxation.

" Copy. "

MVL.

Seematha
6.12.32

Letter No.4877/32 dated the 11th July 1932, from the President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, to Mr. J. R. Campbell, No.7, Brigade road, Bangalore.

Reference:- Your letter No.D.A.7732 dated the 7th July 1932, regarding taxing of building sites in the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

I have the honour to inform you that your objection is premature. Objections will be called for from the public when the proposal of the Municipal Commission takes shape.

" Copy. "

MVL.

Subbaramappa

No. G.T. No: 8/32

CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE.
MUNICIPAL OFFICE.
DATED 8th December 1932.

From

G. H. COOKE, ESQ., M. C., I. C. S.,
President, Municipal Commission,
C. & M. Station, BANGALORE.

Urgent.

To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident
in Mysore,
BANGALORE.

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.
BANGALORE.
13 DEC. 1932
Regd. No. 11,128
File No. 696/31

SIR,

Subject:-Bangalore New Water Supply Scheme.

With reference to your letter No.7897/690-1931, dated the 22nd November 1932, forwarding for information a copy of letter No.960/S, dated the 11th November 1932, from the Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Public Works Department, regarding the supply of water from the 'T' Scheme, I have the honour to state that if the Mysore Government intend to supply water from the 'T' Tank before completing the construction of the two storage tanks for filtered water, I fear that there will be grave risk of water being polluted by labourers working in close proximity to these tanks. I apprehend also that there is danger of contamination of the water in the reservoir by the dam, also, so long as large numbers of labourers are employed on the dam, contamination which might not be eliminated by filtration. In the circumstances, I request that the Hon'ble the Resident may be pleased to take such steps as he considers necessary to ensure the absolute safety of the water before the supply commences.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For PRESIDENT, M. C.

DIW.

DEPARTMENT.

BRANCH.

File No. 690

Serial No. 1931

Draft Letter / Memorandum / Telegram

No. 8456 Dated 21st Dec. 1932

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P.W.D.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore.

Subject:- Bangalore New Water Supply scheme.

Sir,

I am directed to forward, for ---- favour of such action as may be considered necessary, a copy of a letter No. G.T. no. 8/32, dated the 8th December, 1932, from the President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, regarding the supply of water from the "T" tank.

2. I am to request that, if there is no objection, the steps taken by the Mysore Government to prevent the contamination of water by labourers may kindly be intimated for the information of the Hon'ble the Resident.

I have etc.,

Secretary to the Resident.

T. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar
15-12-1932

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—2,000—25—9—1931.

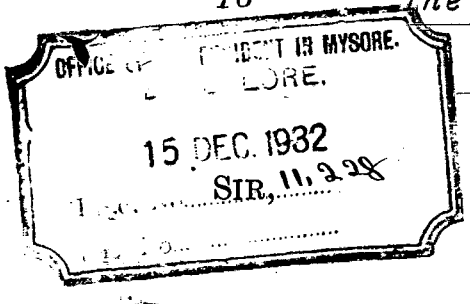
No. G. T. 8/32 CIVIL & MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE,
MUNICIPAL OFFICE,

Dated, 14th December 1932.

From

G. H. COOKE ESQ., M. C., I. C. S.,
President, Municipal Commission,
Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

To The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident
in Mysore,
Bangalore.



Bangalore New Water Supply.

In continuation of this office letter No. Gt. 8/32, dated the 10th December 1932, I have the honour to forward, herewith, for your information, a copy of my letter to the Commanding Royal Engineer, on the subject of the draft agreement.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

14.12.32
President, M. C.

MVL.
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No. 9108/32 Form 1.

CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE.
MUNICIPAL OFFICE.
DATED 16th December 1932.

From

G. H. COOKE, ESQ., M. C., I. C. S.,

President, Municipal Commission,
C. & M. Station, BANGALORE.

To

The Commanding Royal Engineer,
Madras District,
Bangalore.

SIR,

Bangalore Water Supply.

With reference to your letter No.1838/K/E.4. dated the 8th December 1932, forwarding a draft agreement in regard to the supply of water by the Municipal Commission to the Military Authorities when they (the Municipal Commission) have assumed responsibility for the distribution of water throughout the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, I have the honour to state that the only comments I have to offer are regarding (1) the purity of water referred to in clause 1 of the agreement, and (2) the rate payable by the Military per 1,000 gallons, referred to in clause 10 of the agreement.

I should like clause 1 to read as follows:-

"The supplier shall supply either in bulk or distributed as hereinafter indicated filtered water suitable for drinking purposes, which shall be of the same standard of purity as that supplied by the Mysore Government at the High Ground Reservoir."

The question of the rate payable by the Military is a matter for the decision of the Government of India. In this connection, I enclose for your information a copy of my letter No.6170/32, dated the 9th November 1932 to the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident.

R. N. 99.
Rec. (W)

I shall place the draft agreement before the

P. T. O.

Municipal Commission at their January meeting after hearing from you on the two points raised.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd). G. H. Cooke,

President, M. C:

MVL.

" Copy. "

_____DEPARTMENT.

_____BRANCH.

File No. 690/1931

Serial No.

Draft Letter / ~~Memorandum~~ / Telegram

No. 119 Dated 6th Jan. 1932

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S. N. 21.

To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident at Hyderabad.

Subject:- Water Tax in Secunderabad.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 3313-J., dated the 3rd October, 1932, I am directed to enquire whether the water tax in the Cantonment of ------ Secunderabad has since been revised ~~and~~ If so, a copy of the revised orders issued by the Hyderabad Residency may kindly be sent to this office for ---- reference.

I have etc.,

Secretary to the Resident

T. N. Thangavelu
Mudaliar
4-1-1933

S. 5.

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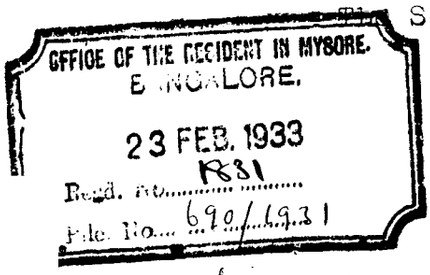
No. 624-C
228-C.C/32.

From

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the
Chief Commissioner, Ajmer-Merwara,

To



The Secretary to the Hon'ble the
Resident in Mysore.

Dated Camp Ajmer, the 17th February, 1933.

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WATER TAX.

Sir,

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With reference to paragraph 3 of this office letter No.2772-C/228-C.C/32, dated the 27th August, 1932, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of this Administration's Notification No.179-C/228-C.C/32, dated the 18th January 1933

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Secretary to the Hon'ble the Chief
Commissioner, Ajmer-Merwara.

MJC.
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ORDERS BY THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, AJMER-MERWARA.

NOTIFICATION.

Camp Ajmer, the 18th January 1933.

No. 179-C./228-C.C./32.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 60 of the Cantonments Act, 1924 (II of 1924), the Chief Commissioner is pleased to impose a water-tax on all houses, lands and buildings not entitled to a free supply of water from the State, within the Nasirabad Cantonment, with effect from the 1st November 1932, at the following rates:—

(*a*) On houses having no house connection with rentals of Rs. 10 per mensem, and under, at Rs. 4 per cent. on the annual rent.

(*b*) On similar houses with rentals of over Rs. 10 per month at Rs. 5 per cent. on the annual rent.

(*c*) On houses with private connections, in addition, Rs. 2 per mensem.

Provided that—

(1) The consumer of water by a private connection that is metered shall pay the tax as specified above which shall be credited to him in gallons at the rate of 1,000 gallons for twelve annas. Water in excess of this credited allowance shall be charged for quarterly in arrears at the rate of twelve annas per 1,000 gallons.

(2) In the case of houses which have no separate service for a domestic supply, no house shall be liable to the tax of which no part is within a radius of 600 feet from the nearest stand pipe or other supply of water available to the public.

(3) The tax shall not be levied on—

(*a*) Houses the rent of which is annas four per mensem or less.

(*b*) 'Piaus' or water depôts which are maintained for the free supply of drinking water to travellers and poor inhabitants of the Cantonment.

(4) The tax shall not be imposed on any house, land or building in respect of any period or periods during which the water, owing to shortage of supply or any other cause, has not been available for such house, land or building.

2. This Administration's Notifications Nos. 1556—1149 and 1479—1149, dated respectively the 3rd November 1910 and the 16th September 1914, are hereby cancelled with effect from the 1st November 1932.

By order,

D. G. H. DE LA FARGUE,
Secretary to the Chief Commissioner,
Ajmer-Merwara.

GIPD—732 CC Aj.-Merwara—24-1-33—100

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S.N.59.

Secy (R)

A copy of the undermentioned paper is forwarded to the President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, for information, in continuation of the endorsement from this Residency No. 6059, dated the 9th September, 1932.

Secretary to the Resident.

S.N. 137.

P.W.B

Letter No. 624-c/228. C.C./32, dated the 17th February, 1933, from the ------ Secretary to the Hon'ble the Chief ------ Commissioner, Ajmer-Merwara, with ------- enclosure.

T. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar.
28-2-1933.

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S. 5.

MG(PC—S1—325 (CPS) DGF—(G-1432)—24.4.31—50,000 Pads.

Please quote

No. 148-J.

in further correspondence on the subject of this communication.

From

Major G.T.Fisher, I.A.,

Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident at Hyderabad,

To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble
the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.
BANGALORE.
24 JAN. 1933
Regd. No. 713
File. No. 69.a.31.

Dated Hyderabad Residency, the 21st January 1933

Subject:- Water tax in the Secunderabad Cantonment.

Sir,

S.N. 116 F

With reference to your letter No.119/-690/1931, dated 6th January 1933, on the subject indicated above, I am directed to inform you that question of the revision of the water tax in the Secunderabad Cantonment has not yet been settled. A copy of the revised orders will be sent to you for information as soon as they are issued.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For Secretary to the Hon'ble
the Resident.

T.N.C.

Please quote
No. 476.M.J
in further correspondence on the subject of this communication.

From

Major G.T.Fisher,I.A.,

Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident at Hyderabad,

To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble
the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.
BANGALORE.
7 APR. 1933
Regd. No. 3200
File No. 690/1931

Dated Hyderabad Residency, the 4 April ~~March~~, ***1933***

Subject:- Water tax in the Secunderabad Cantonment.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence resting with my letter No.148-J, dated 21st January 1933, on the subject indicated above, I am directed to enclose for your information, a copy each of the Hyderabad Residency Orders Notifications mentioned in the margin* which contain the rates of water tax and charges in the Secunderabad Cantonment.

*1. Notification No.52-J, dated 22nd May 1929,
2. Notification No.31-J, dated 10th March 1933,
and 3. Notification No.32-J, dated 10th March 1933.

The revised rates contained in the Notifications of March 1933, will come into force with effect from the 1st of April 1933.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Captain
For Secretary to the Hon'ble
the Resident.

t.n.c.

DEPARTMENT.

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File No. 690

Serial No. 1931

Draft ~~Letter~~ Memorandum ~~Telegram~~

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S.N.56.

P.C.(R)

To

A copy of the undermentioned paper is forwarded to the President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, for information, in continuation of the endorsement from this ------- Residency, No. 6058, dated the 9th ------ September, 1932.

En 4

Secretary to the Resident.

S.N. 157.

P.C.(R)

Letter No. 476 M.J., dated the 4th April, 1933, from the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident at Hyderabad, with enclosures.

* In original. Return requested.

T. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar.

17-4-1933.

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